

STANSFIELD PARISH NOTES.

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The Church of Stansfield All Saints, in the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, lies about 11 miles south of Bury St. Edmund's, and five miles north of Clare. It stands on high ground, overlooking the village on the opposite hill. Domesday mentions a Church in Stansfield, with tithes and glebe. Of that church nothing is now standing: but a few fragments of Norman masonry may be seen embedded in the walls of the present fabric, and hard by lies a small square cap of a respond or corbel of the Transition period (c. 1190), with graceful foliation. And in a neighbouring barn an oaken column with cap of similar dimensions and design, still forms one of the supports. Hence it may be inferred that the earlier church was partly of stone and partly of wood.

The present Church is built of rubble, faced with freestone. Its walls present a veritable museum of geological fragments out of the boulder clay: and in them are also embedded a few blocks of what seem to be Roman concrete. The Church consists of W. tower, nave with fine south porch and chancel. The chancel is of the second pointed style (c. 1350), on the outer face of the east wall are two large cinquefoil-headed niches with foliated ogee canopies and finials. The east window is a Perpendicular modern insertion. On the south side is a priest's door. The nave, porch, and tower, are probably a century later than the chancel, and 3rd pointed. It seems as though the rebuilders of the 14th century commonly began with the chancel, and were often unable to complete the work for lack of means. Can it be that the "Black Death" of 1348 checked the work here and elsewhere? Certainly here, as in very many other parishes, there was a vacancy by death in the rectory in 1349.

The interior of the church is, for a small structure,

well-proportioned and dignified. The altar has been raised. The noble arches of the chancel and the tower, and the fine Perpendicular oak roof, add much to the general effect. Of the screen, the lower part alone remains. The tracery is singularly beautiful and of the same date as the chancel. The chancel is paved with rich tiles, and finished with modern oak stalls of excellent workmanship. Under the south-east window is a bench-table forming a sedile, and east of it a pretty piscina with a small opening on its west face. Fragments of good glass remain in the windows. The south-west window is filled with stained-glass in memory of E. J. Phipps, rector, 1853-84. The subjects are the Resurrection and Ascension. On the E. wall are three consecration crosses, and in the corresponding positions outside, three others. In the nave stands a good Jacobean pulpit. On the north side is a blocked-up door. The font, which must have been a very fine one, is 2nd pointed. The bowl, square at the base with sculptured figures at four angles, has been so mutilated that the figures cannot be recognized. This mutilation was probably the work of Will. Dowsing, the Parliamentary Commissioner in 1643. The bowl stands upon a central shaft, with clustered foliated angle shafts, and single intermediate shafts. These shafts are all reproductions of the originals, of which some fragments remain. South of the chancel arch was a side altar. Its piscina and a niche remain.

The tower is a fine structure, 75 ft. high, with turret staircase at the south-west angle. The base is chequered with alternate squares of flint and clunch. There is a musical ring of five bells (tenor about 11 cwt.), recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1896. The old ring of five had been originally cast by Miles Graye of Colchester in 1652, and the treble recast by Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury in 1730. Most of them had become hopelessly cracked.

In the churchyard stood in 1686, as evidenced by a Terrier of that date, a chantry-house granted at the dissolution of the chantries to the rector at a yearly rent of 2d. It had disappeared before the Terrier of 1723 was

made. On the north side of the church is a turret, known as the little steeple, with stairway leading to the roof, and formerly to the rood-loft also.

The interior dimensions are, from west to east including tower, 100 ft.; nave, 53 ft. × 22 ft.; chancel, 33 ft. × 22 ft.; south porch, 9 ft. 3 in. × 9 ft. 7 in.

In the churchyard lies a wedge-shaped stone-coffin. Hard by stands the rectory, the north wing of which, a solid half-timber building, seems to be of pre-reformation times.

MEMORIALS IN THE CHANCEL.

1. Ledger, under the altar. Thomas Tyllott (vide "Rectors").
2. " north side of altar. Henry Halstead.
3. North side. Ledger, "Here lieth the body of Robert Kedington, one of the sons of Robert Kedington of this parish, who departed this life the (?) day of August, 1779, aged 21 years."
4. Ledger. "Near this place lies the body of (?) Kedington, another son of the said Robert Kedington. He died the 8th day of April, 1780, aged 28 years. (Neither of these two are entered in the Registers.)
5. Ledger, older, much obliterated,—Kedington.
6. Mural Tablet—

Arms—Plume impaling Golding.

Plume—ermine, a bend vairy, gules and or. between 2 cotises of the 2nd, a crescent for difference.

Golding—gules, a chevron argent between 3 bezants.

"To the memory of Robert Plume, gent., youngest son of Edmond Plume of Hawkedon Hall, gent., and Frances his wife, dau. of Thomas Golding of Poslingford, Esq.

This monument is by Elizabeth Plume, their youngest daughter and coheirress, dutifully dedicated. Anno Domini 1719.

[Robert Plume was buried Jany. 1st, 1679, and Frances Plume, Aug 8th, 1712.]

7. Tablet.

Arms—Kedington, on a bend azure 3 pairs of scymitars in saltire erect and indorsed, argent, hilted, or: impaling Kedington.

Crest—On a helmet and torse a demi-lion rampant guardant ducally crowned, holding in his dexter paw a scymitar as in the arms.

"Near this place lies the body of Frances Kedington, the wife of Robert Kedington of this parish, gent., and only sister of Ambrose Kedington of Acton, gent. She departed this life the 30th day of October, anno domini 1715, aged 41.

Also near this place lies the body of the above Robert Kedington, who died the 5th day of July, 1741, aged 79."

8. Tablet below.

Also near lies Ambrose Kedington, son of the above Robert and Frances, who died in 1756, aged 56, and Mary his wife, formerly Mary Tweed, who died in 1763, aged 61.

Also of Charles Bigg, gent., who died Sept. 7th, 1798, aged 74 years. Also of Mary the wife of Charles Bigg, and daughter of Ambrose and Mary Kedington, who died April 4th, 1813, aged 74 years.

9. Tablet. Sacred to the memory of Beriah Brook, Vicar of Wressle in Yorkshire, Perpetual Curate of Denston, and 46 years Curate of this parish, who died the 26th Decr., 1809. Also of Mary his wife (formerly Mary Mason), who died 23rd February, 1836, aged 89.

STANSFIELD PAROCHIAL REGISTERS.

The chief interest in these registers lies in the fact of their being complete from the 30th Hen. VIII. to the present time, with one exception mentioned below. In 1538 Thomas Cromwell issued instructions to the clergy ordering them to provide for every church a register book, and to write therein every person's name that should be wedded, christened, and buried, with the day and year. This order was complied with in Stansfield. In 1597 it was ordered by the Synod that a parchment volume should be provided at the cost of the parish, and that into it should be carefully transcribed all the contents of the old books. This, too, was done, so far as concerned names and dates.

The first book is a thin parchment folio, entitled "Liber Registrarius de Stansfelde in Com. Suff." The first page is headed "Catalogus nominum eorum qui in parochiâ dictâ de Stansfelde baptiz." It begins "Anno 30 R. H." From 1538—1599 the entries are all written in court hand. The first few contain only the name of the child's father, thus: "ffil. W. Andrew baptiz."; three years later the child's name is also given, thus: "Robt. Lot fil. Robt. Lot baptiz." From 1554—1563, only the child's name, as, "Alicia Orbell baptiz." From 1563—84, the entries give the names of both parents. From 1585—99—"Tempore M. Nicolai Walronde Rectoris Eccl. de

‘Stanesfelde,’—thus, “Johannes Sparrow fil. Joh. et Annæ ux. baptiz.” The end of the copy is signed by N. Walronde, and the churchwardens, John Sparrowe and Robert Hammond. Thus the registers had been gradually becoming more exact. The entries continue in an inferior court hand for another year. Then “Rectore de Stansf. Jac. Rowe,” they are in current hand. Many of the names in the 16th century register are still represented in the parish. The same remarks apply to the registers of marriages and burials.

But it is to be noted that no marriages are registered between 1642 and 1661. How is this gap of 19 years to be accounted for? It would seem that under the Act of 1653 marriage became a civil ceremony, and the functions of the clergy were transferred to the Justices of the Peace; and the registers of such marriages may have been kept elsewhere. But how about the years 1643—53?

In 1653 Parliament ordered every parish to elect a lay registrar. Accordingly we find before the registers of births and deaths of that time, “The first yeare of ffrancis Younge, elected and sworn according to Act of Parliament, beginning the feast of St. Michael tharchangel, 1653.” From 1653—61 the entries of *births*, baptisms, and burials are in English and well kept, containing the dates of both birth and baptism, an example which might well be followed in the modern forms of entry, and it is worth noticing with what care baptism was attended to, and how soon after birth it was administered. Surely this must have been in private houses? Take one example out of many similar ones: “1655, Anna the daughter of Thomas Brooke was born the 20th day of ffebruary, and baptized the 22nd day of the same.”

The last entry under the Commonwealth is on May 3rd, 1660, and in English. The next is on Aug. 14th of the same year and in Latin, in which language they continued to be made until 1732, when Latin was finally dropped. It must be admitted that the lay registrar did his work far better than the parsons who succeeded him.

Móved by a spirit of economy, one of them proceeded to fill up vacant marginal spaces in back pages, in a very confusing manner.

There are few entries of personal interest. No families above the rank of small gentry appear to have lived in the parish during the last 400 years. The principal families were Frier, Poley, Westroppe, Sparrowe, Kedington or Kerrington, Plume, Golding, Bigg. Among the more uncommon Christian names we find Persenel, Mirabel, and Hamlet (16th century). On *one* page are recorded the burials of *three* centenarians, all women.

- 1609, 17th Oct. "Sepulta est Katherina Deddenham, fæmina centum annorum atque eo plus."
 1717. "Millesent Ilger uxor Danielis Ilger, sepulta, 19 Martii, fæmina centum annorum atque eo plus."
 1619. "Elizabetha Jaggard vidua, quæ centesimum secundum ætatis annum compleverat, sepulta est 23 die februarii."

The last pages of the old register book contain memoranda of the parish meetings from 1600—1617. The first may be noticed as a specimen.

"The seventeenth daie of November in the three and fortieth yeare of the reigne of our most gracious Sovereigne Ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God Queene of England, ffrance, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

"Anno Domini 1600.

"Memorand. the daie and yeare above-written Mr. Nicholas Walrond parson of Stansfield abovesaid together with the best and most substantiall yeomen of the said parishe assembled themselves in their parishe Church according to their usuall custome for the electinge of Churchwardens for this next yeare immediately ensuinge and then and there were chosen churchwardens by the said Mr. Nicholas Walrond, parson, Abraham Westroppe. And by the said parishioners Robert Sparrowe. And pronounced by the said Mr. Nicholas Walrond according to lawe. In witness whereof he hath subscribed his name to these presents.

"By mee Nicholas Walrond Parson of Stansfield."

RECTORS OF STANSFIELD.

In Blomfield's History of Norfolk, under the head of Haverland, it is said that Mountjoy Priory in that parish

had the rectory of Stansfield in Suffolk, by the gift of Peter de Nerford, in the 5th of Henry III. (1221). If so, the rectory had at the beginning of 14th century passed into the hands of the Lords of Clare.

Extract from Tanner's "Digest of Norwich Episcopal Registers."

"Domesd. estimatio ecclesiæ præter portiones xx marc. xx^s. Portio "Prioris de Haveringland in eadem xiii^s iv^d. A yearly portion to the "King of vi^s viii^d (1612). A portion also of tithe to the King: sc. duæ "partes omnium decimarum tum de grossis quam de minutis manerii "domini Petri de Nerford in Stansfield, ex dono ejusdem Petri. Suit "in the Consistory between the Prior and Rector 1323, 1324, 1332. "Many instruments about the same in the Exchequer."

Note—

"Liber Capella S. Joh. Bapt. infra manerium Galfridi de Walding-
"feld in Stansfeld."

"1306. Jan. 20. Rad. fil. Nich. de Waldingfeld inst. ad præs.
Gualteri de Waldingfeld."

RECTORS.

INSTITUTIONS.

1303.	Mar. 22.	Thomas de Wycheford, ad præs Rad.: de Monte Hermeri.
1306.	Mar. 30.	Richard de Stanes, ad præs. Comit. Gloucest. et Hereford.
1334.	Oct. 15.	Thomas de Brecham, ,, dñæ Eliz. de Burgh, dñæ le Clare.
1341.	Dec. 23.	Peter de Eriswell, ,, "
1349.	Oct. 23.	Robert de Walesham, ,, "
1358.	June 22.	William de Walsham ,, "
1360.	Sept. 18.	William Aylmer, ad præs. dñæ Eliz. de Burgh.
1383.	Jan. 4.	John Leef } ad præs. dñi Regis rāone minoris ætatis
1384.	Dec. 20.	Wm. Wilfere } Comit. Marchiæ.
1384.	Feb. 12.	Thomas Cokill, permut cum Brokland, Cant. ad pr. Rs.
1387.	Mar. 14.	Nicholas Blundell, permut cum Redlingwold, Cant.
1401.	Jul. 22.	John Bradelegh, permut cum Herýngswelle.
1426.	Nov. 6.	Thomas Westhorp, ad pr. Dñi. H. Rs.
1464.	Mar. 15.	John Snelé, ad pr. Cecilie matris Rs., Ed. iv.
1496.	Feb. 16.	William King, ad pr. Regis.
1521.	Jul. 27.	John Parker, ad pr. Katerinæ Reginæ Angliæ.
1547.	Ap. 14.	Henry Hamylton, ad pr. Dñi Regis.
1554.	May 12.	Roger Petman, ad pr. Reginæ.
1555.	Oct. 19.	Edmund Leyes, ad pr. Reginæ.

Buried in Stansfield Church, April 23rd, 1563.

1563. May 14. Robert Shaw, ad præ. Reginae; also R. of Hawkedon. By will made 18th May, 1575, R.S. directed his body to be buried in the chancel of Stansfield Church. He bequeathed 40/- to the poor of Stansfield and Hawkedon, 5/- to the poor of Denston and the same to Somerton. Item, his tenement called Erles in Stansfield in a street called Hebelsforth End to the Parson and churchwardens of Stansfield in trust for the poor for ever. Item, to Joane Evered, widow, and Ambrose her son, £14, which Joane owes him, and 5 combs 2 bus. oats Sudbury measure, and one fat wether and 3/10 laid out for her suit at Norwich against William Hedgeman, on condition that they discharge the dilapidations on the Parsonage of Hawkedon and the chancel of Hawkedon, &c. Item, to Maister William Polie of Boxted Hall his best horse. Item, to Mr. John Jermyn of Depden, Esq., his rowne coult, desiring them both to be friendly to his executrix. Item, to Maister Thomas Shackleton, clerk, his sarcenet tipet and two square caps. Item, to Harry Boyse, clerk, his furred gown. Item, to Alice Hartelie, his sister, his posted bedstead, with the tester over it, one of his best fetherbeds with transsome and two pillows and one covering. Item, to John Broun, his godson, a silver spoon, &c., &c., &c. Witnesses, Thos. Hamond of Hawkedon, Thos. Hills of Linn, Harry Boyse, clerk, Alexander Emote, Thos. Hill, Richard Sadlington, clerk. And by a Codicil, dated 17th Decr., 1583, amongst other bequests, 6 silver spoons and a maser to Alice Hartelie. The copy endorsed—"The copie of Mr. Shawe his last will and testament with the probate annexed thereto." 29th Aug. 1584. Robert Shawe was buried in Stansfield Church, Aug. 21st, 1584.
1584. Aug. 18. Nicholas Walrond, ad pr. Reginae. Married 1586, Decr. 6.—"Mr. Nicholaus Walrond, R. Eccl. par. de S. et Martha Orbell. Baptised 1587, Nov. 5.—Rogerus Walrond, fil. m^ri N.W. Rect. Eccl. par. de S. et Marthæ uxoris.
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| 1590. | Ap. | 8. | Susanna | " | " |
| 1593. | May | 20. | Georgius | " | " |
| 1597. | Nov. | 9. | Martha filia | " | " |
- Buried 1602, Ap. 3.—Martha Walronde ux m^ri Nicholas Walronde Rectoris, &c. N.W. signs the parochial register for the last time 24th Mar., 1602.
1602. Jul. 1. James Rowe, ad pr. Reginae 1622, "Jacobus Rowe, Cleric' et Anna Frost contraxere inter se nuptias decimo die maii." 1622, "Jacobus Rowe dudum Minister hujus Ecclesie (per menses 17 paralyti male affectus et post mortuus) sepultus est 14^{to} Julii. Cui Jacobo Rowe jure et virtute resignationis sue successit in Rectoria de Stansffielde, viz^t mense maii Anno Dni 1621^{mo} pr. dicto Gilbertus Wimberley Rector ibdm."
1621. May. Gilbert Wimberley, s.T.P.

1622. Ap. 4. Robert Cotisford, ad pr. Thomæ Bedingfelde.
1639. Nov. 25. John Pakenham, ad pr. Dni Regis.
1643. Ap. 4. Thomas Pakenham
- Ejected.* Walker, "Sufferings of the Clergy," says that "Thomas Pakenham was teiz'd out of it (the Rectory of Stansfield) by veaxtious behaviour of his parishioners encouraged by the prevailing powers, and succeeded by one B—an army chaplain."
1643. *Intruded.* Mr. Samuel Boardman. In 1648, Mr. Seth Ward at Long Melford, resigned and was succeeded by Mr. Samuel Boardman "his brother-in-law, of the same faction." The Stansfield Churchwardens' books record that Mr. Boardman gave £10 to the poor of this Parish "when he was removed to Melford by the late usurping powers." In 1646, Mr. Boardman's name appears as one of the signatories of the "Humble Petition of the Ministers of the Counties of Suffolk and Essex concerninge Church Government," presented to the Rt. Hon. the House of Peers.
- He died in 1653 (Parker's History of Long Melford).
1661. July 11. Clement Ray, ad pr. Dni Regis. The Registers from 1649 are in the handwriting of Clement Ray, and there were baptized—1651, 20 Dec., Maria; 1653, May 1, Joseph; 1654, June 20, Isaac; 1655, Nov. 17, Elizabeth; 1657, Dec. 2, George; and 1658, Dec. 16, Samuel; children of Clement Raye and Mary his wife. From this it may be inferred that Clement Raye, who had been minister for some years during the Commonwealth, conformed and was duly instituted on the Restoration of the King. In 1666 Clement Ray was Perpetual Curate at Denston, where he was buried 1686, Ap. 6th.
1662. Jan. 26. Thomas Tyllot, ad pr. Dni Regis. T. Tyllot was ejected from the Rectory of Depden in 1643. He then opened a school, but was commanded to desist when the ordinance came out that no sequestered minister should be allowed to teach a private school. He seems to have found refuge at Stansfield on the avoidance of the Rectory by Clement Ray. Walker says he was restored to his *two* livings, Register 1677. "Mr. Tho. Tyllott Retr. hujus Ecclesiæ sepultus est vicesimo primo Augusti." Inscription on Ledger—

MS.

Thomæ Tyllot
 Qui antiquâ et honestâ Tyllotorum
 Gallicorum prosapiâ oriundus
 Indefessâ in studiis operâ
 et spectatâ fidelitate
 Eamdem coonestavit
 Sæviente bello civili
 Deo Regi atque afflictæ Ecclesiæ
 Rectoriam de Depden fæneranti

Cum illâ suâ hanc alteram de Stansfield
 Rependit Carolus Secundus redux
 Annorum tandem et famæ publicæ satur
 Ad aureolam cælestem translatus est
 Aug. 16^o Anno Domini 1677^o

Ætatis suæ 70^o

1677. Dec. 10. Henry Halsted, s.t.b., ad pr. Dni Regis. The epitaph on his tombstone sufficiently gives the history of H.H. From the numerous records in Parish Books, he seems to have been a very active and energetic parson, and the entry of his burial in the Register is a touching one. "1728, Aug. 10th, Henricus Halsted, s.t.b., hujus ecclesiæ Rector dignissimus." On Ledger—Arms of Halsted, an eagle displayed on a chief componé, impaling a bend gutte between 2 moorhens, a chief componé.

Henricus Halsted, S.T.B.

Burnlimié in Lancastrìa natus

Oxonii apud suos Æneinascences socius (sic)
 ad hanc Rectoriam

Post annos circiter xx in studiis positos
 promotus est.

ubi veri pastoris officium
 cum pace et modestia exercuit
 et postquam Dei

Ministrorum que Ipsius Ædes

Pro animo decoraverat

Immortalitatem adiit

Die Augusti 8^o A.D. 1728. Ætat 87^o

1728. Sept. 14. Hopton Haynes, m.a. Patron the Crown. From this time until 1854, a series of non-resident Rectors was inflicted on the Parish, and the church suffered a loss, the effects of which are even now too evident.

1766. Samuel Ogden, d.d. The Crown.

Extract from the Life of Professor Adam Sedgewick.—"The (Woodwardian) Lectureship being vacant a fourth time, Col. King, now a very old man, appointed the Rev. S. Ogden, d.d., Fell. and Pres. of St. John's College. Dr. Ogden had been Master of the Grammar School Halifax, from 1743 to 1753, when he returned to Cambridge, where he resided to his death, 22nd Mar., 1778. He held the livings of Stansfield in Suffolk and of Lawford in Essex, and was Vicar of St. St. Sepulchre's, Camb. from 1759 to 1777. For his personal appearance we will again quote Cole—"Dr. Ogden is a bold swarthy black man, of most extraordinary turn of Humour, great Vivacity, odd, whimsical, and like no one else, a great epicure, and very parsimonious, a very ingenious Preacher, and on that account his Church of St Sepulchre at

Camb., is usually so thronged as to be difficult to get a place." From Gilbert Wakefield, "I heard Dr. Ogden preach most of those discourses which were afterwards made public. His manner and person and character were exactly suited to each other. He exhibited a black scowling figure, a lowering visage, embrowed by the honours of a sable periwig. His voice was growling and morose, and his sentences desultory, tart, and snappish. His sermons are interspersed with remarks eminently brilliant and acute, but too epigrammatic in their close. He was a good scholar, a liberal minded Christian and an honest man." "Ogden had a turn for writing verse, and his name appears in three of those volumes which in the 17th and 18th centuries the Universities used to address to the Sovereign on important occasions. In 1760 he mourned the death of George II^d in Latin Elegiacs; in 1761 he hailed the marriage of George III^d in English Stanzas; and in the following year the birth of George, Prince of Wales; in Arabic. These curious changes of language were satirized in the following lines:—

When Ogden his prosaic verse,
 In Latin numbers dressed,
 The Roman language proved too weak,
 To stand the critics' test.
 To English rhyme he next essayed,
 To show he'd some pretence,
 But ah! rhyme only would not do,
 They still expected sense.
 Enraged, the Doctor swore he'd place
 On critics no reliance,
 So wrapt his thought in Arabic,
 And bid 'em all defiance.

These lines are attributed by Cole, to R. Pepper Arden, Fell. Trin. Coll., afterwards Lord Alvanley."

Several amusing stories about Dr. Ogden are found in Gunning's Reminiscences. His Sermons were published with Life by S. Halifax, Camb., 1814. Mayor's edition of Baker's History of St. John's College, also contains much information concerning him. Epitaph in Manchester Cathedral.

1790. Oct. 11. George Ashby, B.D. Patron the Crown. Fellow and President of St. John's College, Cambridge. Instituted to the Rectory of Barrow, Suffolk, on the presentation of St. John's College, 5th Aug. 1774. "He was a very good antiquary, learned critic, and much conversant in medals and pictures." Cole's mss. He lies buried in Barrow Church near the altar on the south side. Epitaph—"Near this place is interred the body of the Rev. George Ashby, B.D., and F.S.A., Rector of this Parish, son of Edmund Ashby (by Elizabeth

Judith, daughter of Robert Lock of Dinton in Wiltshire) of an ancient Leicestershire family, who was born 5th Dec., 1724, and died 12th June, 1808. He was for many years President of St. John's College, Cambridge, by which Society he was presented to this living in 1774, and in 1790, obtained by the friendship of Dr. Ross, Bishop of Exeter, the Rectory of Stansfield in Suffolk. For some years previous to his death he had the misfortune to become blind, but as a critical scholar and an antiquary he left many lasting testimonials of superior abilities. Thomas Lyns of Barrow, the constant companion and amanuensis of the Rev. G. Ashby for the space of 28 years, and at last his testamentary heir, with all respect and gratitude, inscribes this marble to his memory—Arms: Ashby of Quenby, Leicestr. Azure, a chevron ermine between 3 leopards or.

1808. July 6. John Carlton, D.D. Rector of Hartest 1799—1812, Rector of Theberton 1813, Chaplain in ordinary to H.M. 1814., Rector of Binton, Stratford-on-Avon. Tablet in Binton Church.

In Memory of

Rev. John Carleton, D.D., formerly Rector and late Curate of this Parish, where he died Jany. 16th, 1819, in the 68th year of his age, being one of His Majesty's Chaplains, Rector of the Livings of Hartest and Boxted, and also of Stansfield and Theberton in the County of Suffolk.

This Tablet is erected by his dutiful and grateful servant, Charles Hamilton.

1820. Nov. 22. John Maddy, D.D. From Tablet in Somerton Church, Sacred to the Memory of

The Rev. John Maddy, D.D., F.R.S., F.A.S., Canon of Ely, 53 years Rector of this Parish also of Hartest cum Boxted, and Stansfield, Chaplain in ordinary to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the three preceding Sovereigns.

Born March 23rd, 1766.

Died June 17th, 1853.

1853. Edward J. Phipps, M.A. Pat. Lord Chancellor. Memorial Window in chancel.—“Erected to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Edward James Phipps, Rector 1853—1884, ob. fest. ascension: 1884, Ætat: 78, by his widow and children. R.I.P.

1884. Alfred Giles Hilton. M.A., Camb.

1890. Joseph Russel Little, M.A., Camb.

MANOR OF STANSFIELD.

OWNERS.

- T.R.E. 1066. Terre Ricardi Comit'is Filii Gisleberti. Risbruge h. Ibi sunt liberi homines qui t. r. e., potuerunt terras suas vendere et donare. Wisgarus antecessor Ricardi habuit

commendacionem et sacam et socam præter vi forisfacturas Sci Eadmundi. In Stanesfelda tenuit Edricus Spuda tenet Gilbertus. In eadem tenuit Ulflet Robertus tenet In eadem Crawa hoc tenet Rogerus. This entry is particularly interesting, as illustrating the general displacement not only of English owners but also of the sub-tenants by Normans. Not so on the estates of the Church. "Terre Sci Eadmundi. In Stanesfelda Gaurincus tenet de abbate."

- W. i. 1086. Richard Fitzgilbert.
 9 Ed. i. 1280. Sir Thomas de Grey holds of the Honor of Clare,
 9 Ed. ii. 1316. Sir Thomas de Grey, he has free warren.
 14 Ed. ii. 1321. Sir Thomas de Grey, Kt., son of the above.
 5 Hen. iv. 1404. Ralph de Grey, son of Thomas de Grey and Margaret his wife. Margaret widow of Thomas holds a part.
 Hen. vii. Sir John Broughton, Kt.
 9 Hen. viii. 1517. Agnes widow of Sir John Broughton. She married John, Lord Russell, and he was Lord in her right. She died 1558.
 Present owner, J. G. Weller Poley.

MANOR OF BEAUMONT'S OR BEAMONDS OR BAYMENTS
 IN STANSFIELD.

1474. John Denston of Denston, endowed the College of Secular Priests in Denston with, *inter alia*, the Manor of Beamonds.
 1707. Lord Alington.
 Present owner, Charles Webb.

MANOR OF PRIDITON, AL. PURTON IN STANSFIELD.

- 3 Ed. i. 1309. Walter de Priditon of Stansfield, Steward of the Earl Marshal, Gilbert de Clare.
 Ed. i. Sir Roger de Predition, Abel de St. Martin held the 3^d part of a Knight's fee in Priditon.
 1825. Bateman Bigg.
 Present owner, C. Cumberlege Ware.

MANOR OF GATESBURIES OR CATESBURIES IN STANSFIELD.

- W. i. 1086. Richard Fitzgilbert, Earl of Clare.
 19 Hen. iii. 1235. Richard de Montfichet had the fee. Margaret or Margery his daughter married Walter de Bolebec. He was dead in 1187. Hugh de Bolebec, son and heir, died 1262.
 1262. *Philippa* his daughter and coheir married Roger de Lancaster, and had a son. *Margery*, da. and coheir. married (1) Nicholas de Corbet (2) William de Grimesthorpe. *Alice*, da. and coheir. married Walter de Huntercombe, s.p.
Matilda, da. and coheir. married Hugh de la Vâl, s.p.
 14 Ed. ii. 1320. Richard de Gatesbury had a grant of free warren.

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- 8 Hen. v. 1420. John de Gatesbury died. His eldest da. married Henry Elvedon of Ing Mountjoy, Essex. His youngest da. and coh. married John Lavingham, of Gatesbury, Herts.
- 21 Hen. vii. 1506. Sir Robert Broughton, Kt., died.
1507. Sir John Broughton died.
- 21 Hen. viii. John Broughton, Esqr. son and heir of Sir John Broughton died. Agnes, his widow, married John, Lord Russell.
1706. Sir Edward Atkins.
- Present owner, Marquis of Bristol.

COLLECTIONS AND BRIEFS IN STANSFIELD CHURCH.

		£	s.	d.
1661.	Towards the relieve of the Protestant Churches in the Dukedome of Lithuania - - -	7	3	
1682.	"The old Briefs gathered in the time of Mr. Tyllott my predecessor and never called for came to" -	15	6	
1683.	New Windsor - - -	5	4	
	St. Katherine's nr. The Tower London -	5	9	
	Presteign - - -	5	9	
	Preston Candover - - -	5	6	
	Columpton - - -	5	4	
	Bassingborn, Cambs. - - -	4	8	
1684.	Newmarket - - -	2	0	0
	Wapping - - -	17	0	
	Bradewich - - -	4	0	
	Warsop cōm Nottingha - - -	3	0	
1685.	Ely - - -	3	0	
	Garsdon - - -	4	0	
1686.	French Protestants - - -	2	15	0
	Stonton - - -	5	0	
	Meniten - - -	2	9	
1687.	Whitechappell - - -	3	0	
	Market Deeping - - -	2	9	
	Eynsbury - - -	1	9	
	Beaminster - - -	2	0	
	Scriblinghall - - -	1	6	
1688.	French Protestants - - -	1	1	0
1689.	Bungay - - -	1	4	7
1699.	Vaudois and French Refugees - - -	1	18	4
1700.	Towards the redemption of English Captives in Machanes in the Kingdom of Fez and Morocco -	2	10	0

PERAMBULATION BOOK—EXTRACTS.

“The Bounds of the Parish of Stansfield in Suffolk.

“Taken upon an exact view and perambulation made by Henry Halsted Rector and far the greater part of the Parishioners upon the seventeenth of May 1680 and wrote down by the afores^d Rector above and several stages in the presence and with the express aprobatation after reading of the same by the whole Company of Gangers or Walkers for that year and for many years after that.

Stage the first.

Walking from the Parsonage house after a Competent Refreshment had and provided at the charges of the Rector, we crossed the Churchyard and Highway, &c., &c.”

“NOTE.—That the Interval or space betwixt the two Oakes was formerly a green slip with Trees Growing thereon which were cut down and the ground plowed up within the Remembrance of some persons who then went the Bounds, and as we fear this was done by the Direction of the owner of that field who lived in the next Parish with a design to erase the Antient Marks of our Parish.

In the year 1688 at the Summer Assizes next after a view ordered at the Assizes before the matter came to a hearing and the verdict was given for our Parish and the Tythes and Rates paid over since to our Parish.

NOTE.—Goodman George Sergeant and George Webb, both affirmed that a marked tree stood formerly there, and they do believe that it was a thorne, and Goodman David Smith remembers it distinctly, and was formerly, as he there affirmed, taken up and bumped at it.”